

JOHN R. MARKS, II, MAYOR



September 6, 2005

The Honorable Cliff Thael, Chairman
Leon County Board of County Commissioners
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

TO: RCC

PA 9/12

Re: Proposed Water and Sewer Franchises

Dear Chairman Thael: *Cliff*

On behalf of the City of Tallahassee, thank you for delaying your action on the Franchises requested by Talquin and the City of Tallahassee. I want to assure you that everyone at the City respects your authority to award the subject Franchises. We know that your staff is extremely competent and has evaluated the requests objectively. Furthermore, we also acknowledge that Talquin is a valued member of our community and has a competent and knowledgeable staff.

It is our suggestion as you consider the applications is that you ensure that the Franchises are for both Water and Sewer services. I understand that the areas under consideration are outside the Urban Services Area and, under the current regulations, cannot be served by Sewer. You should, however, anticipate possible changes in those regulations as we all strive to protect our water resources and ensure that sewer services are available if those changes take place.

We should all try to prevent future situations like Killearn Lakes and you can do that by mandating that your Franchisee be prepared to serve your citizens with sanitary sewer. Generally, the City, or any water utility for that matter, cannot economically provide sewer service without water service. As such, the City strongly recommends the authorization of both water and sewer service areas to the same provider. If Talquin is not able to consider the future extension of sewer service in these areas, then consideration should be given to awarding the water and sewer franchises to the City, as we believe that we have the ability and willingness to provide central sewer if and when the need is determined. Otherwise, the future provision of central sewer would be most likely precluded. Enclosed for your staff use are GIS-based maps that conceptually show how the City would serve the proposed areas.

We appreciate the opportunity to present the City's position in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Marks", written over a horizontal line.

John Marks

Crawfordville Highway

Water and Sewer

